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I am an independant ISP in Lexington, KY and I use Verizon's DSL network to provide my customers with broadband services they can't simply get with any national DSL provider.

Among other things, we offer our customers Static IP Addressing, Virtual Private Networks connecting multiple offices, e-mail and domain routing, BGP back-up services, and some of the best local support in the business. These customized services are something that no national ISP could possibly provide. In fact, when someone asks Verizon for these services in Lexington, Verizon will often refer the customer back to us!

If our ability to reach our customers via Verizon's DSL service goes away, so will all the unique benefits we can provide. Our existing customers will lose all the customized services we've created, resulting in lost productivity and lost business possibilities.

Consumers in Lexington would then have only 2 choices for broadband access, and there would be virtually no customized Internet services available.

Please don't give the Bells the right to monopolize DSL.

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